Employees working, category-wise as on 1st January, 1990 in Central Government and Public Enterprises, category-wise;

(b) what is the number of SC/ST employees and their percentage in each category; and

(c) what steps Government pro pose to take to fill up the backlog vacancies of SC/ST?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI VTSHWANATH PRATAP SINGH): (a) and (b) The requisite information in respect of Central Government and Public Enterprises is collected annually by the Deptt. ,of Personnel & Training and Bureau of Public Enterprises respectively. The information sought for as on 1.1.90, is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(c) In order to fill up the backlog of vacancies a Special Recruitment Drive was undertaken in 1980 through which around 30,000 persons belonging to SCs/STs were selected. A similar Special Recruitment Drive is proposed to be held again this year to fill up the shortfall.

Special recruitment drive for SC/ST

909. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any special recruitment drive was carried in respect of filling up of SC/ST vacancies during last year, category-wise;

(b) what is the total number of SC/ST employees in the Central Government as well as in Public Undertakings which were recruited during this special drive; and

(c) what was the backlog as on 1st January, 1990?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI •VTSHWANATH PRATAP SINGH): (a) to (c) A Special Recruitment Drive to fill up carried forward reservations for SC/ST, as on 30th April, 89, was undertaken from 1st June 1989. The number of reserved vacancies identified for the drive, the number of candidates to whom offers of appointment were issued and the backlog are indicated below:—

-	No. of vacancies identified for Spl. Rectt. Drive	No. of candidates offered appointment	Backlog
Ministries/Departments of the Central Govt, including Ministry of Rail-	35647	31243	4404
Public Sector Undertakings (as on	11000	6758	4242

Decline In the number of persons passing the IAS/IPS examination from the South

910. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of persons who appeared and those who passed in IAS and IPS examinations during last three years, State-wise; and

(b) whether it is a fact that number of persons who take and pass the examinations from South is declining?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH): (a) Recruitment to the IAS and the IPS is made on the results of the annual Civil Services Examination held by the Union Public Service Commission. The Commission do not maintain State-wise statistics with regard to the number of candidates appeared and those finally qualified for appointment.

Information about the number of candidates, who appeared at the Civil Services Examinations held in 1980,